



Hendry County Sheriff's Office Central Records Chapter 100 Records



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Subject: Domestic Violence

I. PURPOSE: To establish guidelines governing the release of records that deal with domestic violence and the exemptions that are available for such a crime.

II. SCOPE: This order shall apply to all records section members.

III. POLICY: It is the policy of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office that all public records in the custody of the agency shall be open for inspection by any person. This policy is limited only to the extent that records or parts of records in the custody of the agency are made confidential and/or exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Act) or other provisions of law.

IV. PROCEDURE:

A. General:

1. Section 741.29(2) F.S. provides that a copy of the initial report of an incident of domestic violence, excluding victim/witness statements or other materials that are part of the active criminal investigation as defined in Chapter 119, F.S., shall be sent to the nearest locally certified domestic violence center within 24 hours of the law enforcement agency's initial report. The Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) sends a representative to pick up the domestic violence reports weekly. Section 119.07(2)(j)1 F.S. provides that a domestic violence victim may file a written request, accompanied by official verification that a crime has occurred, to have his/her home or employment address, home or employment telephone number, or personal assets exempt from disclosure.
2. Such information shall cease to be exempt 5 years after the receipt of the written request. The request applies to records 5 years prior as well.

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